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[redacted] China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) and Central
Air Transport Corporation (CATC) have been told that they need not rely on
the United States to supply spare parts and other necessities for the oper-
ation of air lines in China.

2. The prospects for immediate, or even eventual, expansion of western trade
with Communist China are very poor. The Chinese Communists expect war
between the USSR and the West, so they feel that they cannot depend upon
the West to supply their needs in raw materials, food and industrial ma-
chinery. Communist authorities are not reluctant to risk famine in China
in order to resist establishment of economic ties with "imperialists."

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